

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CSPC PHARMACEUTICAL GROUP LIMITED,
CSPC OUYI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD., and
CONJUPRO BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

IPSEN BIOPHARM LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00505
Patent 11,344,552 B2

Before JEFFREY N. FREDMAN, ZHENYU YANG, and
TIMOTHY G. MAJORS, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

FREDMAN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Granting Patent Owner's Motions for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Elizabeth Murphy and Ross Misskelley
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

On January 21, 2026, Patent Owner filed motions requesting *pro hac vice* admission of Elizabeth Murphy and Ross Misskelley. Papers 28 (“Murphy Motion”) and 29 (“Misskelley Motion”).¹ Patent Owner also submitted Declarations from Elizabeth Murphy and Ross Misskelley in support of the Motions. Exs. 2078 (Murphy Declaration) and 2079 (“Misskelley Declaration”). For the reasons provided below, Patent Owner’s Motion is *granted*.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1), the Board may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause, subject to the condition that lead counsel be a registered practitioner. In authorizing a motion for *pro hac vice* admission, the Board requires the moving party to provide a statement of facts showing there is good cause for the Board to recognize counsel *pro hac vice* and an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear in the proceeding. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1); *Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (Paper 7) (representative “Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission”).

Based on the facts set forth in the Motions and the accompanying Declarations, we conclude that Ms. Murphy and Mr. Misskelley have sufficient qualifications to represent Patent Owner in this proceeding, have demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and legal familiarity with the subject matter of this proceeding, and meet all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Exs. 2078 and 2079. Accordingly, Patent

¹ The Misskelley Motion requests that the Board recognize “Ron Hagiz,” not Ross Misskelley. Paper 29, p. 1. We deem this harmless error, as Mr. Misskelley is noted in the caption, through the rest of the Ross Motion, and is the declarant in the Ross Declaration. Paper 29 and Ex. 2079.

Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Ms. Murphy and Mr. Misskelley. Ms. Murphy and Mr. Misskelley will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1).

We note that Patent Owner filed a Power of Attorney including Ms. Murphy and Mr. Misskelley in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). Paper 3. Patent Owner has also filed a Mandatory Notice identifying Ms. Murphy and Mr. Misskelley as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). Paper 4.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motions (Papers 28 and 29) for *pro hac vice* admission of Elizabeth Murphy and Ross Misskelley are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel for this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Murphy and Mr. Misskelley are authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel only in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Murphy and Mr. Misskelley be familiar with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide² (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), and comply with the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Murphy and Mr. Misskelley are subject to the Office's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a), and the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R.

² Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

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§§ 11.101 *et seq.*

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